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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Meeting in President's Office

3. At 2:30 p.m. today, a meeting was held in the President's office, attended by J. F. Dulles, A. W. Dulles, Radford, Twining, Carney, Goodpastor, and myself. ...

1. The President complained about conflicting intelligence information coming to him. He said he wanted steps taken to centralize and centrally evaluate all intelligence. It was agreed that the NIC should be "beefed up" and put on a 24 hour basis. Secretary Dulles said there are three aspects to intelligence:

- a. rapid communication of intelligence from the field
- b. coordination of intelligence in Washington
- c. obtaining accurate intelligence as to Chinese loyalty on Formosa.

The President said that - under emergent circumstances like the present - he wanted (1) intelligence transmitted from the field to Washington very fast; (2) a prompt evaluation of such intelligence at a central point where all interested agencies were represented, so as to obtain a commonly agreed assessment as quickly as possible; (3) in the case of something "hot", a warning to himself and other key persons, pending such central evaluation.

Sgd/RC  
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to the President